

REMARKS

Claims 4, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19-21 and 24-33 have been canceled and Claims 5, 8, 10 and 16 have been amended. Claims 5, 8, 10 and 16 have been amended in view of the cancellation of the other claims to correct dependencies. Claim 8 has been further amended to recite "integrin antagonist" which finds antecedent basis in Claim 5. The amended claims are supported by the application as filed. Therefore, this Preliminary Amendment does not add new matter.

Information Disclosure Statement

An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is being filed concurrently herewith. Acknowledgment of consideration of the information provided therein is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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